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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-24.

Please add new claims 25-45 as follows:

*AI*  
*Rule 124*  
*SUB 247*  
~~23~~ 25. A modular building structure comprising a service module defining a plurality of connection nodes for connection to separate building modules, the service module containing apparatus for the supply and distribution of at least one mains service to the building modules, each building module being free-standing, pre-fitted for its intended use and connected to one of said connection nodes and to said supply of at least one mains service, wherein the service module is in the form of a corridor walkway linking the building modules.